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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1798-MC-FFS

**DATE:** June 1, 2017

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Providers Billing on CMS 1500 Claim Forms (Excluding Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Indian Health Service Providers, and Rural Health Clinics)

**APPLIES TO:** Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS)

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Codes for Consultation Services

**EFFECTIVE:** July 1, 2017

The state fiscal year (SFY) 2018/19 Human Services appropriations bill (House File 653), included a number of legislatively mandated cost-containment initiatives. One such initiative requires DHS to align the billing and reimbursement for consultation services rendered in an office, other outpatient, or inpatient setting with Medicare billing and reimbursement.

As of January 1, 2010, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) no longer reimbursed physicians and non-physician practitioners (NPPs) for consultation services using the [consultation procedure codes](#)<sup>1</sup>. Iowa Medicaid is the only major carrier still reimbursing in the State of Iowa. CMS instructed providers to “*bill using the new or established patient procedure codes*”.

The consultation procedure codes will be end dated June 30, 2017, and no longer payable for Medicaid FFS and IA Health Link (MCO). Providers should bill according to the conversion chart shown on the following page.

The IME appreciates your continued partnership as we work to improve the claim processing service quality and accuracy. If you have questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909 or email at [imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R1875cp.pdf>

CPT Code-Consultation	Place of Service	CPT Code-New Outpatient Visit or Initial Inpatient Visit	CPT Code-Established Outpatient Visit or Subsequent Inpatient Visit
99241	11-Office	99201-99205	99211-99215
99242		99201-99205	99211-99215
99243		99201-99205	99211-99215
99244		99201-99205	99211-99215
99245		99201-99205	99211-99215
99241	22-Outpatient Hospital	99201-99205	99211-99215
99242		99201-99205	99211-99215
99243		99201-99205	99211-99215
99244		99201-99205	99211-99215
99245		99201-99205	99211-99215
99241	23-Emergency Room	99281-99285	99281-99285
99242		99281-99285	99281-99285
99243		99281-99285	99281-99285
99244		99281-99285	99281-99285
99245		99281-99285	99281-99285
99251	21-Inpatient Hospital	99221-99223	99231-99233
99252		99221-99223	99231-99233
99253		99221-99223	99231-99233
99254		99221-99223	99231-99233
99255		99221-99223	99231-99233
99251	31-Skilled Nursing Facility	99304-99306	99307-99310
99252		99304-99306	99307-99310
99253		99304-99306	99307-99310
99254		99304-99306	99307-99310
99255		99304-99306	99307-99310
99251	32-Nursing Facility	99304-99306	99307-99310
99252		99304-99306	99307-99310
99253		99304-99306	99307-99310
99254		99304-99306	99307-99310
99255		99304-99306	99307-99310